



General Assembly

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***Proposed Bill No. 5007***

LCO No. 94

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING PSYCHIATRIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL  
TESTING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND PROCEDURAL  
SAFEGUARDS FOR PARENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That section 10-76d of the general statutes be amended to require
- 2 the Department of Education to include the following in their
- 3 publication "Steps to Protect a Child's Right to Special Education:
- 4 Procedural Safeguards" and that all parents who are requested by
- 5 school planning and placement teams to have their child evaluated for
- 6 any psychiatric or psychological disorder be provided the following by
- 7 the PPT prior to the parent signing any consent form for psychiatric or
- 8 psychological testing or evaluation of their child: (1) A statement that
- 9 neither the state nor federal departments of education endorses or
- 10 recommends any checklist, particular form of assessment or evaluation
- 11 for psychiatric disorders; (2) a copy of 20 CFR 1232h "Protection of
- 12 Pupil Rights"; and (3) a copy of the Hatch Amendment to the General
- 13 Education Act, as published in the Federal Register on September 6,
- 14 1984, and which became effective November 12, 1984.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To expand the current procedural safeguards regarding a parent's right to informed consent and right to refuse psychiatric or psychological testing and evaluation of their child.